

**Table 23.17-- CHARACTERISTICS OF WHOLESALE ESTABLISHMENTS
(NAICS 42), BY BROAD GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: 1997**

Subject	State total	Oahu	Neighbor Islands
Number of establishments	1,872	1,463	409
Sales (\$1,000)	7,147,462	6,079,891	1,067,571
Annual payroll (\$1,000)	575,955	486,975	88,980
First quarter payroll (\$1,000)	138,454	117,329	21,125
Paid employees for pay period including March 12 (number)	18,532	15,423	3,109
Operating expenses (\$1,000)	1,213,543	1,017,689	195,854
Inventories (\$1,000):			
Beginning of year	691,610	604,482	87,128
End of year	734,465	642,470	91,995

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1997 Economic Census, Wholesale Trade, Geographic Area Series, Hawaii, EC97W42A-HI(RV) (March 2000), table 1 and 5.